

Amendments to the Drawings:

The drawing sheet attached in connection with the above-identified application containing Figure 4 is being presented as a new formal drawing sheet to be substituted for the previously submitted drawing sheet. Figure 4 has been amended. The specific change which has been made to Figure 4 is to replace "34" with "34A."

Attached is an annotated drawing sheet showing the changes made to Figure 4.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

In the specification, paragraphs have been amended on pages 11 and 15.

Claims 1, 3, and 12 have been cancelled.

Claims 2, 4, 8, and 13 are currently being amended.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 2, 4-11 and 13 are now pending in this application.

Objection to the Specification

The specification is objected to because item 34 has been used to refer to two different parts on pages 11 and 12. The specification has been amended on pages 11 and 15 so that item 34 no longer refers to two different parts. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Objection to the Drawings

The drawings are objected to because item 34 has been used to refer to two different parts. A replacement drawing sheet that includes an amended Figure 4 is attached in which "34" has been replaced by "34A" so that item 34 no longer refers to two parts. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for using the phrase "consisting of." The claims have been amended so that the phrase "consisting of" no longer appears in the claims. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Oshidari (U.S. 2003/0064847) in view of Nakano (JP 2000-14081). Claims 1 and 3 have been cancelled, and claim 2 has been amended to depend from claim 4, which is indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office indicated that claims 4-11 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and be placed independent form. Claims 4 and 8 have been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and to place claims 4 and 8 in independent form. Claims 5-7 depend upon claim 4, and claims 9-11 depend upon claim 8. Applicants believe that claims 4-11 are now in condition for allowance.

The Office indicated that claim 13 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claim 13 has been amended to overcome this rejection. Applicants believe that claim 13 is now in condition for allowance.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a

check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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